

COUNTRY <u>Eastern Germany</u>		SECURITY INFORMATION <u>REPORT</u>		
TOPIC <u>Engineer Training Area between Klein-Kuehnau and Aken</u>				50X1-HUM
EVALUATION	PLACE OBTAINED			
DATE OF CONTENT	50X1-HUM			
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Most of the storage warehouses, administrative buildings and kitchens and mess halls of the engineer camp between Klein Kuehnau and Aken (M 52/D 97) were completed by 28 July 1952. [redacted] the buildings were built of brick because wooden structures would have been more expensive. The camp was not a permanent installation and was used for summer training only. The camp may be taken over by Volkspolizei after the summer training. A large guard and command building with a stone tower was being built near the first gate. Individual engineer groups in the camp were engaged in small-scale training activities. On 23 and 24 July, they built a wooden bridge on piles, about 25 meters long and 3.5 to 4 meters wide, across the Oberer See (lake). Trucks tested the bridge. Two gasoline pile-drivers which had been in boxes, 2.5 x 12 x 1.6 meters and were mounted on pontoons, and were used in the construction work. The bridge was subsequently dismantled. Four trench excavators were seen at the parking lot of the amphibious vehicles. They were Stalin tractors aft mounting large grabs. Eight trucks carried iron bridge sections to the camp on 24 July. Two sections were loaded on each truck. The tank battalion continued driving practice and firing with live ammunition south of the Klein Kuehnau-Aken road. Trucks seen in the camp [redacted]

Amphibious car [redacted] and half-track armored personnel carrier [redacted] were observed. Trucks [redacted] belonging to the mortar unit nearby were seen outside the camp. *

Comment. The camp is apparently the southernmost of four engineer tent camps which are known to be located in that area. [redacted]

The motor vehicle [redacted] seen fairly definitely indicate that the camp is occupied by the unidentified engineer regiment of the GOF3 from Bernburg which the mentioned tank unit also belongs to. [redacted] the construction of permanent buildings started in late June 1952. Motor vehicle [redacted] tends to indicate the 45th

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Gds Engr Bn of the 39th Mtz Rifle Div which, together with the 88th Gds
Engr Bn of the 20th Gds "ccz Div arrived in that area on 22 June 1952.



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